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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendment.

### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the first paragraph as follows:

The present application claims the priority of JP2000-399444, filed in Japan on December 27, 2000, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

### REMARKS

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## Marked-up Copy

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